



In Mecklenburg County,  
Don't Just

# RECYCLE

Recycle Right!



**Paper, Junk Mail  
& Paperboard  
Boxes**



**Aluminum  
Cans**



**Glass Bottles  
& Jars**



**Flattened  
Cardboard**



**Plastic Bottles  
& Jugs with  
Necks**



**Juice & Milk  
Cartons**



**Food**



**Plastic Bags  
& Trash**



**Shredded  
Paper**



**Scrap Metal  
& Autoparts**



**Plastic Film or  
Wrappers**



**Cords**

**Many of the unaccepted items above can be taken to retailers, or Mecklenburg County Full Service Drop-Off Centers where they are recycled through separate systems.**

For more information, visit [WipeOutWaste.com](http://WipeOutWaste.com) or call 980.314.3867 for our automated 24-hour line.



# ✓ YES!

# RECYCLE RIGHT!

# ✗ NO!




**PAPER**

Recycled Paper can become: Paperboard, paper towels and other paper products. **Did you know?** Every ton of paper recycled can save the energy equivalent of 166 gallons of gasoline.



**ALUMINUM & METAL CANS**

Recycled aluminum & metal cans become: Aluminum foil, airplane parts, bicycles, car parts, & household appliances. **Did you know?** Recycling 1 ton of aluminum cans saves 1,234 gallons of gasoline.



**PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS with NECKS (caps & lids stay on)**

Recycled bottles can become: Picnic tables, deck chairs, recycling bins, & fleece clothing. **Did you know?** It takes 1,050 milk jugs to make one 6-foot plastic park bench.



**CARDBOARD**

Recycled cardboard can become: New boxes, gift wrap, drywall liner. **Did you know?** Recycling 1 ton of cardboard saves 46 gallons of oil. Always remove styrofoam & bubble wrap.



**MAIL**

Recycled Mail can become: Drywall, egg cartons and insulation. **Did you know?** 1 ton of recycled paper can save 7000 gallons of water.



**CLEAN PIZZA BOXES**

Clean cardboard boxes can become: Paper towels, tissue & cardboard. **Did you know?** Recycling a box requires 75% less energy than making a new one.



**JUICE & MILK CARTONS**

Recycled Juice & Milk cartons can become: Tissues, office paper & wall boards. **Did you know?** Over 5 years, the average school of 400 students serving lunch will save the equivalent of almost 1,500 reams of paper, 72 trees & 30,000 gallons of water.



**GLASS BOTTLES & JARS**

Recycled Glass Bottles can become: Highway marking beads, countertops, flooring, tile & landscaping stones & brick. **Did you know?** 1 ton of recycled glass saves 5 gallons of oil.




**EMPTY AEROSOL CANS**

Recycled Aerosol Cans become: New cans & other metal containers. **Did you know?** Each year Americans recycle more steel than aluminum, glass, paper and plastic combined in weight.



**NO PLASTIC BAGS & PLASTIC FILM**

Do NOT put your recyclables in plastic bags. Plastic Bags wrap around the separating equipment during processing and damage the equipment. Please recycle at local grocery stores not at curbside. **Go to [RecycleTheWrap.com](http://RecycleTheWrap.com) for more information.**



**NO STYROFOAM & CLEAR CLAM SHELLS**

Styrofoam and clear food containers are not recyclable in Mecklenburg County's processing system.



**NO SHREDDED PAPER**

Shredded paper reduces its size so dramatically that it ends up mixed with the residue. Some retail locations will accept shredded paper for recycling. Mecklenburg County holds an annual shredding event in conjunction with America Recycle Day in mid November.



**NO HOUSEHOLD GLASS**

Light bulbs and household glass such as window panes, mirrors & dishes are dangerous & should **not** be placed in your recycling cart




**NO CERAMICS, POTTERY POTS & PANS**

These items, including coffee mugs & old flower pots should be donated if they are in good shape. If not, they can be disposed of in your household trash or at any **Mecklenburg County Full Service Drop-Off Center**.



**NO PAINT, PESTICIDES, AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS, CAR & OTHER BATTERIES**

Should not be put in your recycling cart. Please take these items to any **Mecklenburg County Full Service Drop-Off Center** for proper disposal.



**NO AUTOMOTIVE PARTS & SCRAP METAL**

Should not be put in your recycling cart. These items can be properly managed at any **Mecklenburg County Full Service Drop-Off Center**.




**NO CLOTHING, TEXTILES or SHOES**

Clothing, towels and rags should NOT be placed in your recycling cart. Please donate gently used clothing.



**NO FOOD**

Food may be used in backyard composting. If not, please dispose of food in your household trash. For more information on composting, go to [WipeOutWaste.com](http://WipeOutWaste.com).



**NO TANGLERS, GARDEN HOSES, COAT HANGERS, & ELECTRICAL CORDS**

Tanglers should be disposed of in your household trash. These items wrap around separation equipment and should be thrown in the trash cart.